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The Last Fifty Years

This month the Bible College begins its fiftieth session and enters its Jubilee year. During the half century that has passed since the institution was established, a great change has taken place in the general attitude towards the Bible.

Fifty years ago expositions of Scripture were given from many pulpits. Congregations were being fed on the Word of God. It was not an uncommon thing to hear a speaker on the public platform quote some Scriptural passage or refer to some Biblical incident. He could count on his audience being familiar with the quotation or understanding the reference. But now all that is changed. Few ministers venture to preach expository sermons, and it has become a habit with some of them to begin their sermons without a text of Scripture by simply announcing a topic. Ignorance of the Bible has become so general that even public men with a Christian background, when dealing with current problems, rarely introduce a Biblical allusion into their platform or radio addresses.

This was not so in former days. The great Christian statesman of Queen Victoria's reign, W. E. Gladstone, said on one occasion: "Talk of the questions of the time! There is but one question, and that is the Gospel. It can and will correct everything needing correction. My only hope for this world is in bringing the human race into contact with Divine revelation." Something has happened since his day which seems to have put the Book that contains that revelation out of court.

Today there is evidence everywhere that a deep desire for some religious revival exists under the surface of the life of the Church. No one denies that the present tragic state of the world has come upon us because we

have forgotten God, and that our primary need is to return to Him. Without that, all our plans for a new world-order will fail. But where shall we find Him? How can we return to Him if we neglect the Word through which He has spoken to men down through the ages? No real religious revival can be expected so long as we refuse to turn to the Bible for the mind of God.

The discovery of the fact that the mind of God is to be found in the Bible, after years of doubt and unbelief, led to the conversion of the famous teacher, "Rabbi" Duncan, who so powerfully influenced students in Scotland in the nineteenth century. "It passed through me like electricity," he declared long afterwards,—"the great thought that God meant man to know His mind. It was the seed of all I have."

This great truth is the vital principle in the system of training which the Toronto Bible College has been seeking to develop and carry on for almost fifty years. Its fundamental purpose is to train young men and women to find the mind of God in the Word of God, and to equip them to go out into the world and serve Him wherever His will leads them. The need of this work has become more vital than ever in these war years, and so the College is going on with it.

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The Fiftieth Session

The session will open on Tuesday, September 21, and will begin in the usual way, with a devotional service at 10 a.m., when the incoming students will be welcomed into the College fellowship. The afternoon and evening will be devoted to the annual conference of the Alumni Association. The programme of these meetings will be found on another page.

The applications from new students are quite as numerous as last year. And yet the classes, when they assemble, may be found to be somewhat reduced again by the continued demands of the war. The full College curriculum will be maintained, so that the students who are able to continue their attendance will not lose any part of their course.

We shall have to carry on, however, within much narrower limits. The Government is taking over the South Building for military purposes. It is to be used for specialized training in connection with the army's medical work. All departments of the Bible College work will have to be confined to our main building for the rest of the war-time. This will mean some inconvenience for all of us, students and staff alike, but it need not mean any loss of efficiency in our work. We should accept these limitations for the time being, and make them contributing elements in our training.

It is altogether likely that before the session opens Miss McCarthy will have left us for her home in Ireland. Her aged parents in Belfast are in need of her care because of their greatly impaired health. She has recently been granted permission by the Government to leave Canada for the old land, and is now waiting for a passage across the Atlantic. In the meantime she remains a member of the College staff until she leaves. After that her classes will be taught by other members of the staff. The Preparatory Year, which she has made such a valuable part of the College system of training, will not be allowed to drop.

When the session comes to an end in the spring of next year, it is our hope and plan to mark the occasion with appropriate Jubilee services.

Words of Witness at Graduation

By Cecil Guest

After His resurrection, and just before His ascension to the Throne of Heaven where He is now, our Lord gave a final promise to His disciples, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

During my past three years at the Toronto Bible College, I have come to realize how this promise is true. As we studied the Bible together, we discovered that Christ was its central and supreme theme from the beginning to the end. In the Old Testament we found the record of the preparation for His coming. In the Gospels we found the story of His wonderful life and His death and resurrection. In the remainder of the New Testament we found the meaning of His Cross explained as the atonement for the sin of the world.

Not only did we find Christ to be the chief message of the Scriptures, but as we met together in His Name we were all made very conscious of the fact of His living presence with us. He was in our midst, He was the unseen Head of our fellowship. This we discovered to be the real secret of Christian unity—not a unity based upon our mutual agreement on everything, but rather a unity created by our recognition of the Lordship of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Christ promised His disciples that after His departure He would send the Holy Spirit to take His place. We have found this promise realized in every phase of our Bible College life. We were not subjected to a discipline of rules and regulations imposed upon us from without, but rather we were encouraged and helped by our instructors to recognize the fact that true Christianity is obedience to the law of the Spirit dwelling within.

In learning this lesson we were not deprived of our individuality, but rather we were afforded the opportunity of giving expression to our Christian faith through our own personalities.

As each one of us practised this principle, we discovered that there was perfect harmony in all our relationships. This was the secret of our fellowship in the College, and thus we discovered the true secret of the fellowship of the Church, the body of Christ throughout the world—a fellowship based upon the recognition of the Lordship of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

As we studied the Bible and also many other subjects that are a necessary preparation for Christian service we gained a fuller understanding of what God is doing in the world today. We saw that Christ has left the Church in the world as His witness and that it is the responsibility of the Christian Church to evangelize the world. We learned that it is by the preaching of the Gospel that the Kingdom of God is being established in the hearts of men. Christ is the supreme need of our world today. Christ is our only Hope.

We go forward into the world to witness for this Christ and to give our lives to the service of His coming Kingdom.

By Edward Daniel Brotsky

I BELIEVE that Jesus of Nazareth is the King-Messiah for Whom my people are still waiting.

In the Evening Classes of the Toronto Bible College we have studied the life of Christ. The New Testament reveals that the Man of Galilee is Jehovah of the Old Testament.

I am very glad that God Himself stepped into history about nineteen centuries ago in the person of Jesus Christ.

In the student family of the Evening Classes I have met several nationalities, each bearing the characteristics of Jesus, the Desire of all nations. Their lives radiate a unique charm, irrespective of colour or language. They have found the secret of true fellowship and happiness. It is the risen Christ living in them.

I recall the words of Jesus: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Our teachers are faithful to this truth. Here, at the College, I have discovered a league of nations liberated from the powers that separate man from God and Jew from Gentile. Together we are enjoying the more abundant life Jesus came to give us. This is the Kingdom of God the Master founded.

But, duty or vocation calls us, and our happy family is separated. Still, the presence of Christ nourishes my spiritual needs wherever I am.

As I read the Bible, its message impresses upon me the character of God. My heart rejoices with renewed courage every time I think that Jehovah is the same today as He revealed Himself in history.

College life and training lead me to believe that peace on this earth and good-will among all mankind will begin when Christ is universally enthroned in the human heart. Pure living and justice in places of authority will stand only when our bodies and brains become the yielded instruments of our God and His Christ.

The Scriptures declare that prophecies must be fulfilled, and tongues shall cease to speculate, and knowledge will finish its purposes. Then, the greatest experience that will remain is love. Love has placed the highest value upon human personality. The sacrificial love of Christ, as we know it experimentally, has given us the power and vision of a new life. This new life is the only remedy and possible relief for our common troubles in the world of today.

Now, then, as ambassadors for Christ, it is our privilege to carry this message of love to those in every walk of life. It is simply this: JESUS CHRIST, the returning King of Israel and only Saviour of Mankind.

The Fiftieth session of the College will begin on Tuesday morning, September 21, at 10.00, with a Devotional Service in the Assembly Hall conducted by the Principal. Since this will be the opening service of Jubilee year, friends of the College are particularly invited.

A Tribute from India to Principal McNicol's Books

We quote from a letter recently received by Dr. Waters from his son, Rev. M. A. J. Waters, in India, in which the latter expresses his appreciation of Dr. McNicol's volumes, "Thinking Through the Bible":

"I have found Dr. McNicol's books most helpful. The way to know whether a book of mine is appreciated or not is to look for underlining or lack of it. Dr. McNicol's books are *well underlined*. I think he has done something quite unique in his four volumes. He has "stuck to his knitting" and avoided the great temptation of elaborating minor points that might attract him. It must have been a real *discipline* to get so much into that number of pages. I have always thought that a writer should know the art of *compression* and the art of *omission*. Dr. McNicol's volumes illustrate both; they are unique in that they let the Bible speak for itself as much as possible.

"His divisions of the books are a great aid in studying them: for instance, the five divisions of 2nd Timothy, which I have used for five Bible studies at my mid-week meeting at Kellogg Memorial (where Mr. Waters preached during his holidays to hundreds of missionaries). Please acknowledge with thanks my use of these. Tell Dr. McNicol that the theological students in Indore College (where Mr. Waters is to lecture this fall) will be getting the benefit of his work as well.

"The volumes contain passages of real beauty. His study of Job is a masterpiece, so is his treatment of faith in his excellent studies of Hebrews. These volumes must be of great interest to former students. If the ministers at home would take these books as a through-the-Bible series at their mid-week services, they would surely have a good time with them."

News of the T.B.C. Family

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Hayes (Frances Weidmark '36) a son, John, on October 28 at Niagara Falls, Ont.

In Toronto on March 27, to Mr. E.C. '38 and Mrs. Arthur Hodgins (Ruth Farmery '36) a son, Gordon William.

A daughter, Rhoda Jean, to Mr. '42 and Mrs. '40-'42 George Parker, on March 30 in Toronto.

On May 23 in Barrie, to Mr. '39 and Mrs. Paul Morris (Nan Ogle '41-'42) a daughter, Pauline Nancy.

To Rev. '32 and Mrs. John McLeod (Reta Purdy '29-'30) twin sons, James Blair and John Bruce, on June 12 at Southampton, Ont.

On June 20 in Toronto, a daughter, Marion Jean, to Mr. '41 and Mrs. Donald Day (Anne Cohutt '39-'41).

In Hamilton on June 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. Matthews (Eva Keatley '40-'42) a daughter, Mildred Elizabeth.

Twin sons, John Allen and James Douglas, to Rev. and Mrs. George H. Cramer (Elva Glick '36), on June 25 in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

MARRIAGES

In French Equatorial Africa, Madge Edgson '38-'39 to Jack Brotherton '38 on December 30. Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton are working under the Sudan United Mission at Lai.

Flora B. McCutcheon '31 to Corp. Owen J. T. Quinlan at Mount Forest, Ont., on April 17.

On June 5 in West Hill Baptist Church, Phyllis Allen '43 to Gordon

Braid. Rev. J. M. Henshaw '34, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated, and the bride was given away by her brother, Cyril '42. Ivy Corking E.C. '40 was bridesmaid.

Beatrice J. Beer '41 to Tel. Edward L. Harbron, R.C.N.V.R., on July 10 in the Fundamental Baptist Church, Fort William, Ont. Elsie Anderson '41 was the soloist.

In the First United Church, St. Thomas, Ont., Grace V. Morrison '37-'39 to Arnold F. Langner, R.C.A.F., on August 13.

In the Scarboro Baptist Church, Toronto, Mary Dall to Cyril Allen '42, R.C.A.M.C., on June 19. J. M. Henshaw '34 assisted at the marriage, the wedding music was played by Joyce Grundy '43, and Aubrey Hough '45 was soloist.

On June 26, Marjorie McKee to James Thorsby '41 in Montsburg Baptist Church, Guelph, Ont. Eleanor Davidson '41 was bridesmaid, Ruby Cole '41 was soloist, and Ruth Reynolds '42 played the wedding music.

PERSONALS

The death of Sherman C. Rutledge, D.D.S., '07 took place at Newmarket, Ont., in July.

Mr. '34 and Mrs. William Rae (Muriel Weston '34) and family have arrived on furlough from China, where they have been working under the China Inland Mission.

Audrey Kemp '42 is in charge of the Swedish Baptist Church at Killarney, Man.

John O. Moran '40 was ordained on April 21 into the ministry of the Christian Congregational Church in Kingston, Ont. Rev. A. B. Stein '30 gave the charge to the candidate and congregation, and Rev. Gibson Brown '35 presented the ordination certificate.

Charles Cowell '40 is in charge of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association Lodge in Montreal, and Charles Leach '41 is at their Lodge in Kingston.

S. Herbert Cockburn '39 was ordained into the gospel ministry in the Walnut St. Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., on May 26. Mr. Cockburn has been called to the Upton Baptist Church, Upton, Ky.

Ruth A. Pitts '37 graduated from the Woodstock General Hospital on June 2.

Paul F. Beech '43 was awarded the John Stuart Prize in Introductory Greek for the '42-'43 session at McMaster University.

Paul Storms '40-'41 has been transferred to the Green Timbers Forestry Station near New Westminster, B.C.

Upon her graduation from the Western Hospital, Toronto, on June 10, Margaret McGowan '39 won the Mrs. Alex. Fasken prize for proficiency in bedside nursing and the George R. Warwick prize for first general proficiency.

George S. Honour '39 is now Rector of the Anglican field of Bervie, Kingarf and Kinlough. In May 1942 he was ordained a Deacon of the Anglican Church by Dr. C. A. Seagre, Bishop of Huron. He has for some time been attending Huron College, Western University, London.

Jean Miller '40 gave the valedictory address at her graduation from the Oshawa General Hospital on June 11.

Rev. F. T. Darnell '30 was elected moderator of the Peterboro Association of Baptist Churches at their annual gathering in June.

James Sutherland '42 has been in charge of the Presbyterian summer field at Barvas, Sask.

Lloyd Hylton '37 was ordained in the Jerseyville Baptist Church on June 30. Rev. W. Ernest Thompson, B.A., '31 was clerk, and Rev. D. A. Burns '16 preached the ordination sermon.

Audrey Wilkinson '43 is assisting Sarah Love '39 with the missionary work at Thornloe in Northern Ontario.

Muriel Whilsmith '42 is doing mission work and assisting in the Montreal Christian Book Room.

Henry Hawkins '40, Herbert Whealey '42, Mr. '41 and Mrs. Roy Harrison (Margaret Barney '43) and Olive A. Shell '44 have been taking the course in linguistics at the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have been accepted by the Wycliffe Bible Translators for work in Mexico.

Irene Mink '43 is working in Western Canada under the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

Rev. Frank Stevens, B.A., B.D., '35 has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Ont., and commenced his duties there the beginning of August.

Rev. Herbert A. Foster '20 is the president and founder of the Unity of Christian Faith Conference of Los Angeles, Calif., which held its tenth anniversary session August 12-15.

James Taylor '40 has been called to the Slate River Baptist Church, near Fort William, Ont. He succeeds Rev. A. S. Roblin '34, who is a chaplain in the R.C.A.F.

Rev. Horace A. Dulmage, B.A., B.D., '34 has been appointed lecturer in Philosophy and Psychology at McMaster University and will begin his work in September.

Charlotte Reid '43 will be attending Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, during the coming session.

Rev. Emil Gaverluk '38, who is now in the work of evangelism among the Baptist churches in the States, is to conduct a two week's campaign at the Brooklin Baptist Church in Maine, where Rev. Albert Bolster '38 is pastor.

The Thunder Bay Branch of the Alumni Association was organized at a picnic held on June 26 near Port Arthur, and the following executive elected: President, Rev. Frank Rice, B.A., B.D., '35; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. L. Harbron (Beatrice Beer '41); Sec.-Treas., Mrs. H. Hogan (Jessie Irwin '41); Councillors, Oscar Zimmerman

THE ALUMNI ENLARGES ITS SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE

On June 15 the Alumni Association, after many months of prayer and planning, inaugurated its monthly system of giving to the College. To begin with, some 170 individuals had asked for envelopes; to all others we forwarded a three months' supply, suggesting in an accompanying letter that, if the individual favoured the scheme, he could secure the balance of the year's supply of envelopes by using the sample set or by writing for them. The response has been very encouraging; we have had many requests for envelopes, which are being sent out as soon as possible. During July 172 individual gifts were received through the Alumni Association, and these amounted to $536.00. This figure includes several special gifts of $25 or $50, but it nevertheless represents a distinct advance in the givings to the support of the College by former students. The Alumni Executive aims at raising $500.00 each month for this purpose, and if for any reason you have not heard from us about the scheme, please communicate with the Alumni Secretary, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto. D. A. B.

'33, Wm. Brown '38, Mae Brooks '35, Eleanor Moyer '42.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn P. LaRue (Dorothy French '26), who are on furlough from China, will be working for a year in Pine Mountain Settlement Schools, Pine Mountain, Ky.

Louis de Groot '38 won the Political Economy Scholarship and the General Proficiency Scholarship of his year in Brandon College for the past session. He was also awarded one of the ten scholarships given each year by Manitoba University to high standing students. While carrying on his College course, Mr. de Groot is also serving as missionary in the Presbyterian church at Minnedosa, Man.

The following names have been added to our list of former students in the armed forces: Nursing Sister Ruby Barnes '36, Donald Day '40, Henry Cooper '41 and Cyril Allen '42 in the R.C.A.M.C.; R. M. Arnold '34, J. B. MacMillan '34-'36, George Parker '42, Carman Eckmier and Robert Hawkins, both '42-'43, in the R.C.A.F.; Alma Hunter '36 and Dorcas Tyers '42 in the R.C.A.F. Women's Division; A. E. Smith '32-'35 and Brice Blakeney '41-'43 in the Navy (S.B.A.)

Rev. Leslie Garrett, who works among the Indians at Big Trout Lake in North-western Ontario, has made a special missionary tour by plane this summer.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The College Secretary, Rev. F. G. Vesey, will be glad to visit Christian friends who might be interested in hearing of the work of the College. If readers of the Recorder know of such, he will be glad to receive their names and addresses and personal introductions. Also, the opportunity of speaking or preaching appointments on behalf of the College will be greatly appreciated.

MONTREAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE

Sept. 17-20

Speaker: Rev. D. A. Burns '16

For further information phone or write: Denzill Raymer, 169 Third Ave., Ville LaSalle, or Mrs. Dixon H. Gordon, 4089 Westhill Ave., Montreal.

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE

will be held on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Afternoon Session at 4

Supper at 5.45 (35c.)

Evening Session at 7.45

GENERAL THEME—LOOKING TOWARD THE JUBILEE

Afternoon speakers—Workers from the home and foreign fields

Evening speakers—Vice-Principal J. B. Rhodes, M.A., B.D.

Rev. Dr. John McLaurin

Friends of the Alumni are cordially invited.